

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting of June 7, 2005 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Mick Mellett, Council Members Russ Docherty, Leslie Falcon, and Jim Burkholder, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Police Chief Dave Kramer, Fire Chief Larry Owsley, Street Department Supervisor John Youngwirth, City Attorney Tim Wilson, Economic Development Coordinator Robin Ponsness, Planning and Zoning Coordinator Gary Falcon, Steve Guthrie, Tammy Stemmene, and Jean Diel. Also present were Steve Tanner, Lucy Dukes from the Bonners Ferry Herald, and Boundary County Prosecuting Attorney Jack Douglas.

Steve Tanner spoke to Council regarding the pedestrian underpass tunnel. He inquired if they had read the application for the grants that were submitted. He said there were misrepresentations in the applications and it is not too late to say no. He said it is closer to go through the parking lot to get to town than it would be to go through the tunnel. He said the town is cut off at the Library and it does not need to be. He thinks the taxpayer's money is being wasted on the tunnel. Steve thinks the city parking lot will become parking for the Kootenai River Inn patrons. He objects to taking a person's property and thinks it is wrong. Steve said there is a petition signed by over a 1,000 people stating to allow the Meeker Machine Shop to remain.

Dave Gray joined the meeting.

Jack Douglas said the Chamber of Commerce is putting on a community wide yard sale. It is being advertised all the way to Spokane and other areas. The county will benefit from the people coming to the community for the yard sale. He is encouraging the people of the community to have their yard sales the weekend of July 15-16.

Dave Kramer gave the police report and said the car show was successful. There were three adults arrested for meth since the last meeting. Don Parlow is now back from military duty.

Larry Owsley gave the fire report. There have been several vehicle accidents and other calls the Fire Department has responded to. One of the fire calls was at the Boardwalk Boutique where a purse was starting to burn after it fell on a light. Also, the hazmat trailer has been received from the homeland security grant.

The youth attending the AIC Youth Conference for leadership training were introduced and wished well. They were Kristen Toline, Sherrell Evans, and Stephanie McMillan.

Jim Burkholder moved to approve the consent agenda. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of June 7, 2005 accounts payable; approval of May 17, 2005 council meeting minutes; approval of May 27, 2005 special council meeting minutes.

Mayor Kerby said a welcome home banner to be erected for the National Guard Troops has been requested across the highway. There will be an effort in the community to raise funding to mail a swimming pool to the troops in Iraq. There are also cooling vests that the troops can wear under their armor and a mother who lost a son in the war is heading up a funding campaign for these vests. AIC has a program where cities are rated on their participation in helping or recognizing the war efforts. Mayor Kerby thought the electrical department could erect the poles for the welcome home banner because as a whole the city has not done much to acknowledge the troops. Jim Burkholder moved as a minimum to erect two poles and put up the banner for the guard troops returning home under the City Administrator's guidance. Russ Docherty seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Mick Mellett expressed concern about the out of pocket expenses the youth may have while traveling to Idaho Falls for the Leadership Conference. Mick Mellett moved to give \$50 per delegate for expenses. Jim Burkholder seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The downtown parking issue was tabled.

Mick Mellett moved to advertise for the timber sale bid. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Stephen Boorman said the vending machines at the swimming pool will result in a 15 percent return to the City. This idea came out of the foreman's group. Russ Docherty moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the vending machine contract and allow the machines at the City Pool. Jim Burkholder seconded the motion. Leslie asked if the machines would be removed at the end of the season. Stephen said they will. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Jim Burkholder “yes”.

Stephen Boorman said there were two bids received for the power plant master controls. One was from Eric Lederhos and the other from Phoenix Power. The bids were close with only a \$2,506 difference. He is recommending the low bidder, Eric Lederhos. Leslie Falcon moved to approve the bid award to Eric Lederhos for \$308,000 for the power plant master controls. Mick Mellett seconded the motion and it passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Jim Burkholder “yes”.

The Eagles have requested a catering permit for the Selkirk Rodeo beer garden. Jim Burkholder moved to allow the catering permit for the Eagles for the Selkirk Rodeo with the Chief of Police's review and approval. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. Dave said he has requested additional Idaho State Patrol assistance that weekend because it will also be the weekend that there will be 1,000 motorcyclists in town for the motorcycle rally. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Jim Burkholder “yes”.

The parade permit for Selkirk Rodeo was discussed. Leslie Falcon moved to approve the parade permit for the Selkirk Saddle Club. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. He then asked if the fees were going to be collected. Leslie amended her motion to include the cleanup deposit to be returned to the Saddle Club if the parade is cleaned up and to waive the special event fee. Russ Docherty seconded the amendment. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Kerby turned the meeting to Jim Burkholder. Jim thanked everyone and said the tent folding ceremony comes from a general in the Civil war who told his troops the war was over so it was time to fold their tents and go home. Jim read a letter to the group that he had written resigning his council seat. Mayor Kerby spoke to the group about the healthy perspective that Jim has brought to Council and thanked him for his service. Steve Guthrie spoke to the group and said that Jim had put an early curfew on the City of Bonners Ferry when he hit the guy wires on the dike. Jim told the story of when he hit the guy wires and knocked the power out across town. Steve Guthrie and Dave Kramer thanked Jim for his service and good working relationship with the city employees. Jean Diel presented Jim with a Feng Shui carma ticket. Robin thanked Jim for his support. Jim urged Council to consider Dave Gray as a replacement. Mayor Kerby said if anyone is interested in filling the council seat to contact the City Clerk with their information.

Mayor Kerby recessed the meeting at 7:44 p.m. to cut the cake and celebrate with Jim Burkholder.

At 8:03 p.m. Mayor Kerby reconvened the meeting. Mick Mellett moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 to discuss negotiations, personnel, and legal issues. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Jim Burkholder “yes”. At 9:10 p.m. Leslie Falcon moved to go out of executive session. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

At 9:08 p.m. Jim Burkholder moved to adjourn the meeting. Mick Mellett seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk

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